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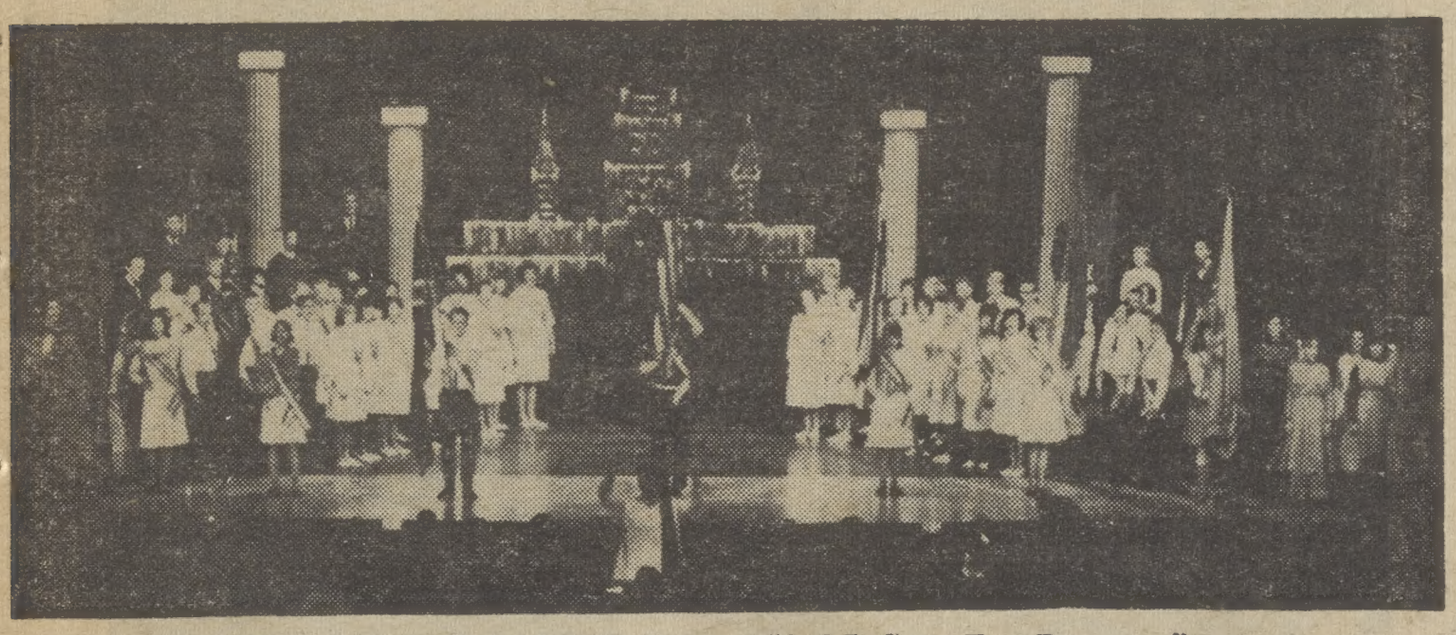


Grand Finale of the Temple Pageant "And It Came T o Pass . . . "

SISTER ALICE YATES of the YWMIA General Board music committee with WHITNEY GROO (l.), co-author, and DOYLE WEST, producer of Oakland Temple Pageant "And It Came To Pass . . . " on the stage set of the final scene. Painted replica of Oakland Temple on the back drop.

STAR

VERNA JOHNSON

(This is a story no editor should have to write. Where are the press agents? Gone, like all press agents after the show! Or election. Or event. But, if you got a press agent story you wouldn't believe it. It's that good.)

"And It Came To Pass . . . ."

Authors, directors, participants —all hoped for reasonable success.

A SMASH HIT! SRO crowds! A repeat two-night date also to SRO crowds! People standing in the aisles at 6:45 and no curtain until 8 p.m! And there they stood while hundreds more came, looked, muttered, turned away.

All seats filled, how many in the aisles? Perhaps 15,000 saw the "show" and, so far as public interest is concerned, it could have run all winter. At least.

This is the story of the M.I.A. pageant in commemoration of the dedication of the Oakland Temple, presented by the East Bay (Concord, Hayward. Oakland-Berkeley, San Leandro, Walnut Creek) Stakes Dec. 3, 4, and 5—repeated by popular demand Dec. 11 and 12.

Except for the fact that participants — especially the 500-voice chorus—were MIA members, have to sleep, go to Seminary, high school, and live reasonably normal lives, the sky seemed the limit.

And why not? If ever there was an inspired performance, inspired casting, inspired direction, conduction, costuming, makeup, sweeping out—you name it—this was IT.

There is insufficient space for all credits due. We start, of course, with James Ira Young, author and writer, and collaborator R. Whitney Groo Jr. NO MORE can be said. Arrangements and orchestration were by Ralph G. Laycock and Brother Groo.

STAR OF THE PERFORMANCE, willy-nilly, was Verna Johnson, who pulled music out of the chorus its members never suspected was in them. (Ye olde Ed. an old showman, served as usher, policeman, etc., and tips his hat to the "unruly kids" who "made" the show. "I wanna drink," "Igottago", "Igottaa make a phone call"—all answers "No!"

Some credits were given in the program which, necessarily, was inadequate in its praise. All who had any part in the production, including the sweeper-outers who weren't mentioned in the program, deserve another Gold Star. These include writers, arrangers, directors, stars, chorus, makeup artists, costumers (Maxine!), anyone who slang paint, drove a nail, shifted a piece of scenery, danced, blew, fiddled, pounded, spoke (The Narrators! who stood immobile for hours at a stretch between their lines.)

No adequate credits CAN be given! But wasn't it wonderful?

Welfare, Primary Subjects of S.F. Stake Conference

Two prominent leaders of the Church will be featured speakers at the quarterly conference of San Francisco Stake Saturday and Sunday, January 9 and 10, in Daly City.

They are Donald M. Bagley, a member of the Welfare Committee, and Edna M. Faux of the Primary General Board.

General sessions of the conference will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the San Francisco Stake Center, 1399 Brunswick, Daly City, conducted by Stake President Irven Glade Derrick, 408 Skyline Drive, Daly City. Visitors are welcome.

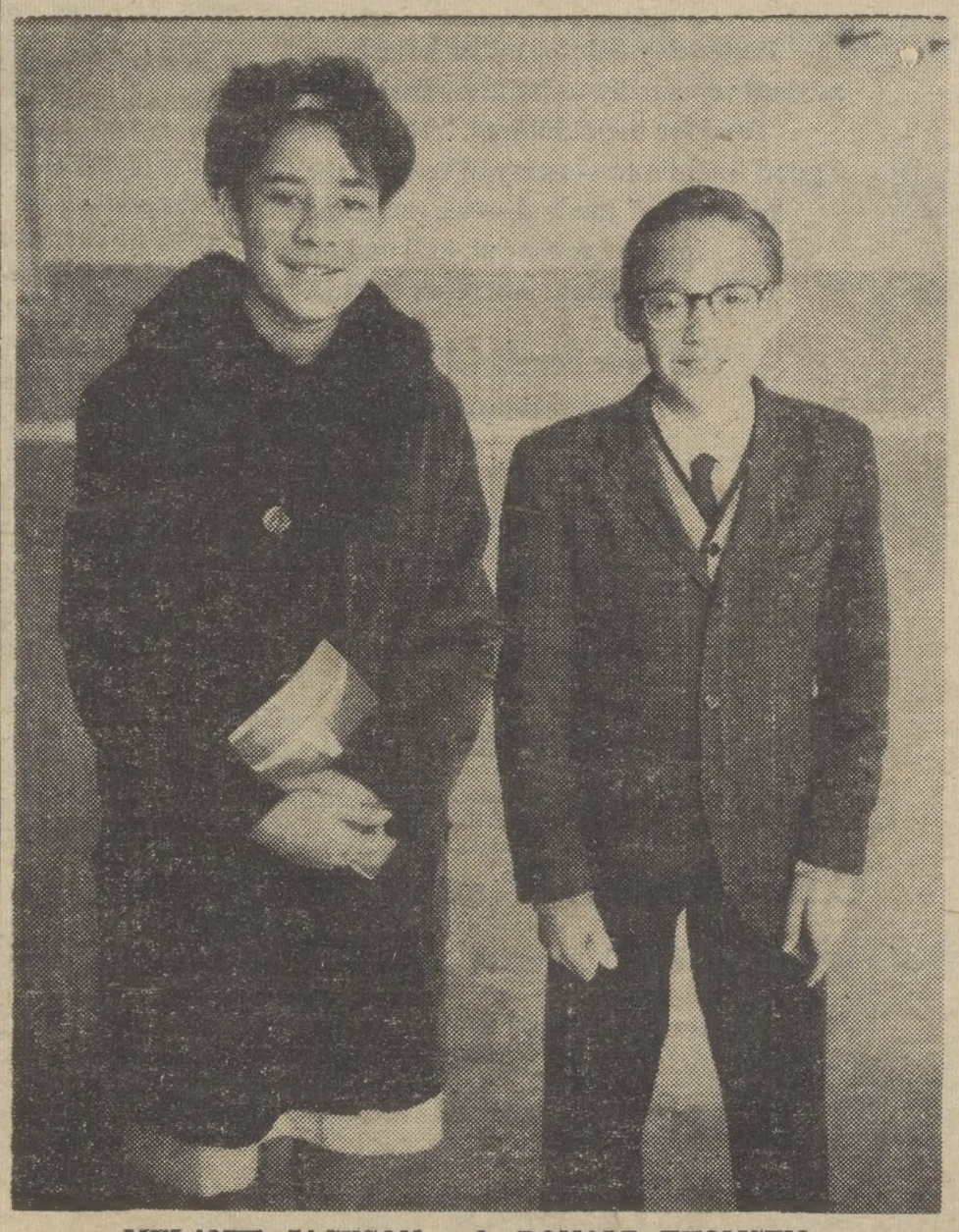
Elder Bagley, a former bishop, is now serving as a counselor in a stake presidency. A former owner and operator of a retail market, he now serves as administrative assistant and office manager of the general welfare committee.

Mrs. Faux has served as an officer and teacher in several Church auxiliary organizations. She is a graduate of the University of Utah and has taught English in junior and senior high schools.

Special meetings for Welfare and Primary leaders will be held on Saturday.

Education Week

More than 40,000 members of the Church enrolled for BYU Education Week programs throughout the western United States and Canada in 1964. The programs are held in 12 locations in California in July and August,



MELANIE JACKSON and DONALD THOMSEN

Two Win Stake Speech Contest

By Leonard W. Cryer

Mission Ward's representatives in the San Francisco Stake speech festival December 15 were Melanie Jackson and Donald Thomsen. Melanie was active in the Primary before becoming a MIA Maid, and is a Seminary student. Donald is active in the Boy Scouts and in his deacons quorum.

December saw three convert baptisms in Mission Ward. Of 18 baptisms in 1964, 14 were of converts.

During November the following leaders and students received awards: Phyllis Jackson, 2d year; Melodye Yost, 2d year; Merita Collins, 1st year; Donna Jo Nelson, 4th year and junior Laurel membership; and leadership awards to: Fautolo Fau, 1st year; Myrtle Nelson, 2d year; Leonie Platt, Ardith Yost, 5th year; and Eleanor Laws, 3d year.

Robert Thomas and Sharon Faith Amiot welcomed a baby boy, their third child November 24, The others are girls.

On November 22, Leo Michael Yost, 16, was ordained a priest by Bishop Barber. Mike is one of the most active youths in the ward, in Seminary, Mutual, and Sunday School, as well as priesthood.

The same day Norma I. Shipp, Sonya Taylor, Marie M. Martinez, and Lucile Blevins were released from the Primary presidency. Sonya Taylor was sustained as the new Primary president.

On December 6, the 4th Quorum of Elders, comprising 70 Mission Ward elders, 45 Polynesian elders, and 7 Spanish-American elders, total membership, 122, was divided by the stake into two quorums. The 4th Quorum, with President Andrew J. Roesberry, Counselor Eric Hubbard, and Secretary, Paul G. Abrams, now has only the 70 Mission Ward Elders. The new 8th Quorum, with President Jerry Alip of the Polynesian Ward, was set up, with the 45 Polynesian and 7 Spanish elders.

The Christmas party December 18 was sponsored and put on by the teachers and children of the Primary. The 25 boys and 29 girls and their teachers presented a short play on the Nativity. Most of them, dressed as angels and shepherds, were in the chorus. After the opening LaDonna Willis as Mary and Kenneth Collins as Joseph, appeared, while the chorus sang of His birth. Soon Sonja Taylor, Geraldine Gardea, and Coralee Willis, Primary teachers, came on dressed as the Three Wise Men, bearing gifts. The chorus, assisted by teachers Lucile Blevins, Kathleen Collins, and Evelyn Cox ended the play with songs of Jesus's birth. They were accompianed by Barbara Lee on the piano, and and Norma Shipp, as chorister.

After the play, Santa Claus arrived, and gave gifts to all the young and the young-in-heart.

Temple Hill Concert Artists Announced

By Frances S. Beniams

Temple Hill Concerts will present KENNETH MANSFIELD, Organist, and JOANNE MANSFIELD, soprano at 4 p.m. Sunday, February 7. Their concert will be a varied one, the organ representing the field of Sacred Music, the songs being Secular, but including a group of German Lieder by Schubert.

Johann Sebastian Bach wrote music to cover the entire program of the Christian Church year, represented by the church seasons as: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Passion Week, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity. Organist Kenneth Mansfield will follow the outline, but present, under each of these seasons, numbers from the existing contemporary music literature for organ.

The program is:

I. VOCAL: Velvet Shoes
Randall Thompson
Pommegranat
Kenneth Mansfield
The Fisher's Widow
Clara Edwards
There Shall Be More Joy
Paul Nordoff
Lullaby Peter Warlach
The Call Ralph Vaughn Williams

II. ORGAN: Resume of The Christian Year in Contemporary Music Literature:
Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
Josef Ahrens
From Heaven on High
Ernst Pepping
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Josef Ahrens
O, We Wretched Sinners
Ernst Pepping
O Sacred Head Once Wounded
Josef Ahrens
Christ is Risen Josef Ahrens
He is Gone Up Ernst Pepping
Come O Holy Spirit
Ernst Pepping
All Christians Sing This Day
Ernst Pepping

III. VOCAL: German Lieder
Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann

IV. ORGAN: Chorale in A-minor
Cesar Franck

MERRILY ANN JOHNSON, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Johnson of Woodcrest Circle, Oakland, whose engagement to marry Air Force Cadet Captain Glenn Malcolm MacDonald son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacDonald of San Leandro was announced recently. Merrily is a student at BYU and her intended husband expects to be graduated from the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs in June. They plan to be married in the Oakland Temple.

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Richmond Ward

Twenty-one Girls Receive MIA Awards

By Mima Esperson

Individual awards were presented to 21 Richmond Ward girls at a recent Sacrament meeting. They were:

1st year: Katie Ford, Marcia Mariana, Jean Mount, Judy Mount, Pamela Turner, Diane Nooner and Navieve Wightman.

2d year: Peggy Uber and Diana Black.

3d year: Charlyne Cecil, Melba Golightly, and LeAnne Tidwell.

4th year: Donna Berker, Catherine Uber, and Raniece Wightman.

6th year: Janice Esperson, Cheryl Wightman, and Linda Uber.

7th year: Elaine Brown, Cheryl Ballard, and Michele Cecil. These girls also received their medallion.

Leadership awards were given to Barbara Golightly, 1st year; Catherine O'Connor, Alaine Wightman, and Edna Cecil, 3d year; and Norma Thinger, 4th year. Darlene Brown, who has recently been released as Stake MIA Beekeeper was presented her 7th award and Medallion.

Many of our youth participated in the Temple pageant "AND IT CAME TO PASS" including David Adams as Joseph Smith in youth (age 14). Diane Nooner took part in the dance. Those taking part in the choir were: David Adams, Stephen Adams, Donna Barker, Diane Black, Shari Black, Katrina Cole, Leonard Fielding, Connie Fielding, Michael Fleck, Mary Geraldé, Melba Golightly, Chris Nagy, Alvin Rhoades, Danny Thompson, LeAnne Tidwell, Cathy Uber, Peggy Uber, and Raniece Wightman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vergil P. Swenson, 301 Blackfield Drive, Concord, announce the engagement of their daughter CAMILLE VIRGINIA SWENSON to Max H. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Jensen of Richfield, Utah.

Camille is teaching school in Anaheim and Max works at Douglas Aircraft in the Aero-Space division at Huntington Beach.

Tentative wedding plans are for April 10th, in the Oakland Temple. Both are Brigham Young University graduates.

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Concord 2d Ward

Janice Bradburn Weds Jimmy Phipps

Concord 2d Ward chapel was the scene of the recent wedding of Janice Bradburn of the ward to Jimmy Doyle Phipps of West Pittsburg. Janice, a graduate of Mt. Diablo High School, is the daughter of LaVern and Ardell Bradburn, and the sister of Charles and Ricky. The groom's parents are Ed and Gladys Phipps. He is a graduate of Pacifica High School. The young couple is at home in West Pittsburg. The groom is employed at Dow Chemical Engineering Corp.

"Old timers" (anyone who was here before the ward divided) are happy to welcome back into our ward the happy smiles of Starr and Edith Brockbank, who are back to stay from Tahoe. Newlyweds Vern and Sylvia Porter have also joined our ranks, coming from Concord 1st Ward. Oak Grove Ward has lost Ed and Leola Brocklesby and their three daughters, Sue, Deborah and Dorothy, to our growing ward.

Baptized and confirmed recently were Danita Barton, daughter of Clarence and Jo, and Candy Ann Meek, daughter of Duane and Joyce. Two new deacons have been ordained—Scott Tingey and Raymond Nielson, while Kevin Swanson and Mark Hinckley have been advanced to teachers.

The ward is proud of our championship basketball team, and next month we hope to have the Stake championship sewed up. The girls' team is doing well, too.

It's A Wonderful World

This will be the theme of the concert presented by the Singing Mothers chorus of San Francisco Stake Relief Society in the spring.

Rehearsals will commence at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15 in the

The Farewell Testimonial for JOYCE SWENSEN, daughter of Marriner and Adelia Wright Swensen, was held recently in the Oakland 3d Ward Chapel. Joyce is serving with the Western States Mission in Denver, Colorado.

Since Joyce has spent her life in California, the climate around Denver will make this at least a different Christmas for her. Joyce attended and graduated from Oakland High School, spent three years at BYU and graduated from the University of California last June. Wherever she has been she has been a devout and dependable worker in the Church.

For the last 18 months she has worked for W. & J. Sloane Company in San Francisco, and spends most of her time working with her main love, ceramics.

The following babies were blessed recently: Julie, daughter of Gil and Virginia Walker; David Wesley, son of David and Carol Porter; and Thomas Lee, son of Emery and Charlene Hollandsworth.

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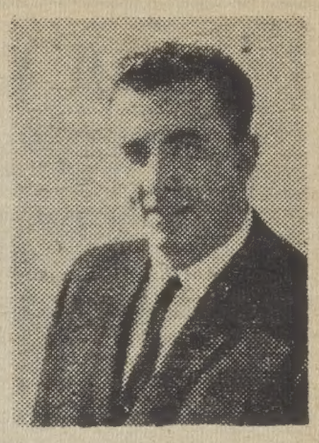

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Polynesian Ward

100 In Excursion To Los Angeles

By Lucy L. Matsu

Led by Bishop William G. Feagaimaalii, 100 memebrs of Polynesian Ward went to Los Angeles over Thanksgiving to be guests of Polynesian members in that area. Included in the two-day program were athletic competition for both men and women in softball, basketball, volleyball, and cricket. A dance and talent competition between the two groups were also part of the program. Members making the trip were housed in the homes of the Los Angeles members, and their meals were served in the Compton 2nd Ward Cultural Hall. Those who were fortunate to be among the participants of the various programs came to the conclusion that a wonderful spirit of unity, love for one another, sportsmanship and fair play were enjoyed by all. A trophy was presented to the Polynesian Ward during the last night of the two day program for the fine spirit of sportsmanship and fair play exemplified to the members and non-members as well who were in attendance. Many non-members who attended were amazed to observe the way the church members conducted their activities in unity and harmony and with a spirit of brotherhood. Several families took time out to visit Disneyland.

The Ward Christmas Party, under the direction of the M.I.A., was held in the cultural hall with approximately 300 people attending. A Stage Play depicting the Birth of Christ was presented by a cast of 30 members of the M.I.A. Christmas Carols were sung by groups. Santa distributed gifts to all who came. A buffet dinner was also enjoyed. The Teo Brothers rendered the music for dancing. Committee for the occasion: Archie Makaiwi chairman; Coworkers Lucy Matsu decoration, Teleni Togisala program, Helen Smith gifts, Archie Makaiwi food, and Paul Tonga clean-up.

Thirty sisters of the Relief Society held a Christmas Party with several fathers attending. Sister Lucy Hong, Sister Agnes Utu, and Sister Esie Svabeck were in charge of arrangements. Stories and short talks were delivered by Clara Alip, Kay Makaiwi, and Margaret Feagaimaalii. Each sister brought a centerpiece made from odds and ends at home. It was a very successful affair. Refreshments were served after which gifts were exchanged.

Brother Anamani Tuia, second counselor of the ward bishopric, left recently to reside at Laie Oahu.

Mr. and Mrs. Lueli Te'o left for a month trip to Samoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laeha left for a two weeks vacation in Hawaii. They will be with Mrs. Laeha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Viveiros of Laupahoehoe, Hawaii. Baptism: Nora Noa Suesue from Iliili, Tutuila, American Samoa. New members moving in: Kalolaina Scott and Faatagalelei Scott from Laie 3rd Ward, Oahu, Hawaii, and Folafolaga Avei from Western Samoa.

The 8th Quorum of Elders was organized December 6, 1964 with 52 members. President of the group is Jeremiah I. Alip.

Hayward 2d Ward

McCleary For Butler In Bishopric Change

By Mel Venturi

Bill McCleary is now 1st counselor and Wayne Paul 2d counselor in the Hayward 2d Ward bishopric. Bill succeeds Phil Butler who was released as 1st counselor to become finance clerk. He has done a distnguished job in the bishopric and can be expected to do the same in his new calling.

Eugene and Afton Johns have a new son, Steven Eugene. Born Dec. 11, at 12:15 A.M. He was delivered by father in 15 minutes flat, at home, strictly by necessity. He weighed 7½ pounds and was 20 inches long. We can expect to see Gene hang up his shingle in the near future.

At our ward Christmas party the boys and girls brought gifts of money to hang on the Christmas tree as gifts to the Lord on His birthday. These funds will be used for the building fund. Santa Claus was at the party with gifts for the children. A special program was presented.

A rummage sale was held this month by the Relief Society. They made $109 to be given to the Welfare fund.

Our Relief Society also held a Christmas luncheon. Ham and plum pudding were served to about 50.

The Stake Relief Society board members and our ward presidency went to San Jose for a Christmas buffet, and then to Sister Jody Morris's home for dessert and Christmas Carols.

Kathy Bryant and Cruz Stuart came home to be with their families for Christmas holidays from Brigham Young University.

Our Elders' quorum served the luncheon for stake conference and realized a profit of $300 to go to the welfare project.

Our primary had its Christmas program. All of the children participated and they were given a stocking of Christmas candy at the close of the party.

Pittsburg Ward

Steven Johnson Wins MIA Contest

By Boots Barrus and Thora Astle

Winner of the annual M. I. A. speech competition this year was Steven Johnson from the Explorer class, using the theme "Being Fit for Life." He competed against all the class winners who were Joanne Campbell, 1st year Beehive; Tina Buccellato, 2d year Beehive, Regina Harris, Mia Maid; Brenda Hood, Laurel Class, and D. Rees Magleby from the Scout Troop. Steven was presented a trophy and a certificate with a superior rating. All other participants received certificates of merit with their rating. On November 29th, during Sacrament Services, 14 of the class speakers presented their talks on the assigned competition subjects. It was a fine evening and the M.I.A. is proud of the efforts put forth by the youth of our Ward.

The Y.W.M.I.A. reports that the girls of the ward entered basketball competition for the first time. Comprising the team were Nickie Graham, Pat Barrus, Joan Nelson, Regina Harris, Frances and Janice Lowry, Joan Magleby, Cheryl Dozier and Evelyn Dutton. Although they did not win the stake championship we congratulate them on the fine effort they made in entering into this field and the fine sportsmanship shown.

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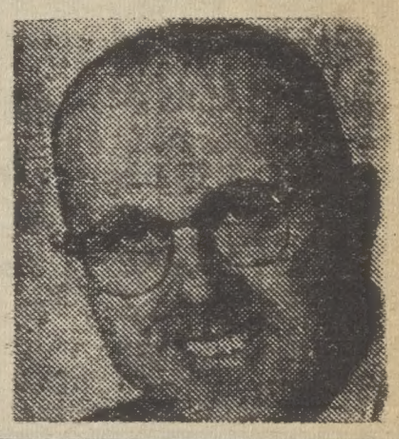

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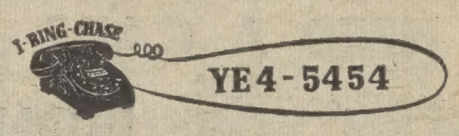

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Director of the concert series will continue to be Robert R. Douglas. His staff: Frances S. Beniams, secretary and assistant; Marxine Earl, typist; Eugene Earl, monthly bulk mailings; Jeanette Perry, Church publicity. Special thanks are due the effective volunteers who are called on to perform multiple duties. Jean M. Wilson is in charge of ushers. Brother and Sister Leo Crandall have acted as doormen, program passers, information givers, official tour guides, baby tenders, and all around host-hostess. They have accepted continued activity as official greeters, the first smiling faces people see as they enter our doors. The ushers will relieve them of the program-passing duty.

Lorine E. Powell Funeral Is Held

By Lue Seavers & Violet Pinckney

Funeral services were held Dec. 3 for Lorine (Everett) Powell who died November 30th. Sister Powell was born in Utah, had been a resident of Alameda 46 years, and was well known in this area. She had been active in the Church since the first Oakland chapel was erected, and held many different positions, besides usually being organist for at least one of the Church organizations. At her death she was work director for the Relief Society. Our love and sympathy go to her husband John J. Powell, son Gary and family of Riverside, her brothers and sisters, Kenneth Everett of Lafayette, Bernice Campbell of Alameda, Dorothy Franke of El Cerrito and William Everett of San Leandro.

Joe Tolman Sr. is recovering from a hernia operation. To the many others on the sick list too numerous to mention we send a "get-well greeting."

Robert Fink was baptized and confirmed by his father, Ed Fink. Sustained as teacher was Jerry Weakley, as priest, Brian Pope, who was also sustained as assistant Scoutmaster.

Don Hughes Jr. and his wife Darlene from sounthern Utah spent the holidays with the Don Hughes Srs. who were proud to show off their new grandson, Dan.

Claremont Ward

Walter Aylett

By Betty Moss

Claremont Ward was saddened this month by the death of one of our faithful members, Walter Aylett. Brother Aylett first came to the Oakland area in 1919, and has been an active participant in Church work all these years. Among other responsibilities, he has been a Sunday School superintendent and high priest group leader. We remember the good cheer he gave us and extend our sympathies to his wife, Emma.

Several active families are leaving the ward this month. Lubritz and Lou Strong and their family will be moving into San Leandro Stake. They and their children have added much to the spirit of our Sunday School and Primary classes.

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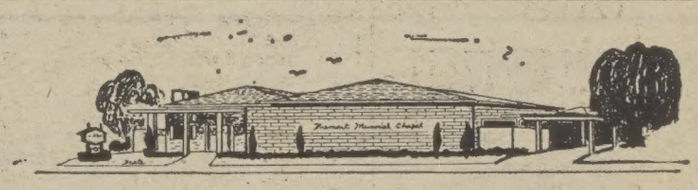
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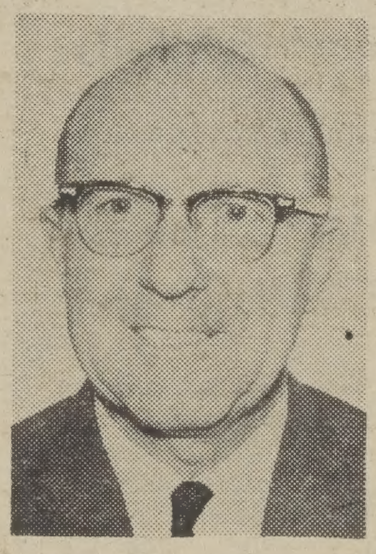
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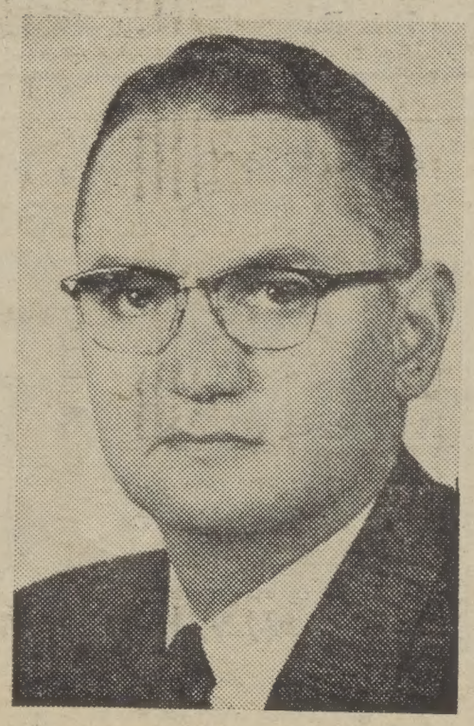

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